

DUXBURY BEACH

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

Duxbury Clipper

Dog Owners BARC

Residents concerned about the Duxbury Beach dog ban met again last week at the Duxbury Free Library to work on ways to repeal the ban.

The group agreed to name itself the Beach Access Rights Committee (B.A.R.C.).

The rest of the meeting was devoted to discussing the draft proposals and activities for repealing the ban.

B.A.R.C. began a petition drive to document public opposition to the dog ban with mem-

bers stationed throughout Duxbury and other area locations on Saturday, February 9.

At the February 7 meeting, B.A.R.C. handed out local and national politicians' names and contact information for individuals to use in their lobbying efforts. In addition, plans are underway for a dog walk on Duxbury Beach, scheduled for Sunday, March at 1 p.m., to protest the dog ban. B.A.R.C. is calling this walk "B.A.R.C. Against the Dog Ban" and ev-

eryone is invited to participate in this event. The group plans to meet in the parking lot at Duxbury Beach on the east side of the Powder Point Bridge.

After a brief discussion, members endorsed the pooper-scooper warrant currently on the agenda for Town Meeting. The group strongly encourages responsible dog ownership and feels that a pooper-scooper law would ensure that the few do not spoil dog ownership rights for the many.

B.A.R.C. would like to purchase "mutt-mitts" to make available in various locations for dog walker's use and everyone's convenience.

The group has designed a website which is located at www.saveduxburybeach.org, and which will be a resource for information and upcoming events as well as other pertinent information on related subjects.

B.A.R.C.'s next meeting is scheduled to take place at the Duxbury Senior Center on Thursday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m.

If you would like to obtain more information or participate in the dog ban protest with B.A.R.C. please send an e-mail to Nancy Day at duxburydogs@yahoo.com.